



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE October 28, 2010

New CTE Professionals Workshop

The Career & Technical Education division's specialists and staff hosted a New Career and Technical Education Professionals Workshop at the UM-Helena College of Technology Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Over 40 middle school and secondary career and technical education professionals from around the state attended the free one-day workshop to gain information on the many hot topics of career and technical education at the state and national levels. Those in attendance were classroom teachers from the various career and technical education areas including agriculture education, business education, family and consumer sciences education, and industrial technology education.

Attendees participated in two joint morning sessions addressing Carl Perkins and state funding and the Career Clusters, Big Sky Pathways, and various STATEwide ARTiculation (START) agreements. The morning joint sessions were followed by an area-specific breakout session covering professional organizations, professional development opportunities at the state, regional, and national levels, and resources for curriculum development and classroom management.

The afternoon focused on career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) and providing new advisors with tips, tricks, and resources for developing a local chapter and implementing a successful program of activities.

The workshop was a great success with quality information being passed on to the classroom teachers and with quality discussions during the sessions. The workshop also provide an excellent venue for new career and technical education professionals to network and build professional relationships they can draw upon as they continue their careers within the career and technical education professional.

Perkins Fall Data Collection in AIM continues

The fall Career and Technical Education (CTE) data collection began October 1 and ends December 31, 2010. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to the Spring CTE Collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators who graduated in the 09-10 year must be contacted between October 1 and December 31, 2010 and have their current post-graduation status identified in the Achievement In Montana (AIM) system. Schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up collection. Instructions for completing the CTE fall data collection are located on the OPI AIM Web page. Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 (toll-free) or opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406-444-9019 or dfiedler@mt.gov.



Big Sky Pathways Initiative Development Meetings

The following is a list of dates for the Big Sky Pathways Initiative meetings. For more information, please contact the specific Program Specialist in the area of your interest.

DATES	PROGRAM	LOCATION
November 3	Health Sciences	Butte
November 4	Health Sciences	Billings
November 5	Health Sciences	Great Falls
November 8	Business Education	Great Falls
November 8	Family & Consumer Sciences	Great Falls
November 8	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Helena
November 9	Agriculture Education	Kalispell
November 9	Business Education	Billings
November 9	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Kalispell
November 10	Business Education	Glendive
November 10	Family & Consumer Sciences	Glendive
November 12	Family & Consumer Sciences	Missoula
November 12	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Billings
November 15	Family & Consumer Sciences	Kalispell
November 15	Health Sciences	Kalispell
November 16	Business Education	Kalispell
November 16	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Great Falls
November 17	Agriculture Education	Havre
November 17	Business Education	Havre
November 17	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Havre
November 18	Family & Consumer Sciences	Bozeman
November 19	Family & Consumer Sciences	Billings
November 29	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Missoula
November 30	Business Education	Butte
December 1	Agriculture Education	Glendive
December 1	Business Education	Helena
December 1	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Glendive
December 3	Business Education	Missoula
December 3	Industrial, Trades & Technology	Butte

Agriculture Education

No update at this time.

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Business Education

Big Sky Pathways Initiative Development Meetings

On Friday, October 8, Business Education Specialist Eric Swenson met with representatives from the postsecondary schools who will be involved in the development of the business & marketing area Programs of Study. One of the topics of this meeting included setting the dates for when high school representatives will be meeting with the postsecondary faculty and staff on their respective campuses.

These meetings will be held at MSU-Great Falls College of Technology on November 8, MSU-Billings College of Technology on November 9, Dawson Community College on November 10, Flathead Valley Community College on November 16, MSU-Northern on November 17, Montana Tech College of Technology on November 30, UM-Helena College of Technology on December 1, and UM-Missoula College of Technology on December 3.

The postsecondary schools should be sending out notification letters soon to the high schools who signed up to work with them indicating the date, time, and campus location of the meetings.

New Montana Business Education Leadership Elected

During the 2010 Big Sky Pathways Institute, the Montana Business Education Association held its annual business meeting Thursday, October 21. On the meeting's agenda included the election of officers for 2011.

The new MBEA leadership team includes President Regina Wood, Park High School, President Elect Scott Anderson, Baker High School, Vice President Elaine Stedman, Sidney High School, Secretary Julie Hanson, White Sulphur Springs High School, Treasurer Michelle Foss, Libby High School, and Membership Director Linda Cotton, Cascade High School.

In addition to the elected officers, Janie McFarland, Conrad High School, will serve as Past President, Eric Swenson, Business Education Specialist, will be an ex-officio officer of the board, the Sidney High School BPA chapter will produce MBEA's newsletter, and the Baker High School BPA chapter will continue to manage MBEA's website, www.mbea.info.

Montana's Business Educators Recognized for Dedication, Leadership, and Service

Two of Montana's business educators were recognized through the Montana Business Education Association's awards program during the October 21 business meetings.

Laura Wildey, Victor High School, was recognized as Montana's New Business Educator. The award for Outstanding Secondary Business Teacher of the Year was presented to Mitzi Richards, business education teacher and Business Professionals of America advisor with Shields Valley High School in Clyde Park.

During the awards program for the Montana Association for Career and Technical Education (Montana ACTE), two other Montana business educators were recognized. Baker High School's Scott Anderson was a nominee for Montana ACTE's Outstanding New Career and Technical Educator. Business educator Jennifer Rohrer, Simms High School, was awarded Montana ACTE's Teacher of the Year and will advance to represent Montana this spring as a nominee for ACTE Region V's Teacher of the Year during the ACTE Region V conference in Rapid City in April. Congratulations to these award-winning business educators.

Respectfully submitted,

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

On October 20, eleven Family and Consumer Sciences Educators attended the OPI New CTE Professionals Workshop in Helena. Participants included Cindy Artist (Fairfield), Raelee Bishop (Helena), Becky Bruce (Boulder), Carrie Dunmore (Poplar), Katie Hanson (Belt), Tammy Jones (Conrad), Shelly Peters (Darby), Contrella Peterson (Park City), Bethany Ringer (Bozeman), Jocelyn Sumner (Belgrade), and Katie Umbriaco (Ronan). These educators came from a variety of new professional backgrounds including first, second, & third year, transferred from other states, and new to FCS curriculum. Many stayed to attend the Montana ACTE Big Sky Pathways Institute October 21-22 as part of approximately fifty FCS educators. Participants learned a variety of information applicable to the FCS classroom including integration of local and sustainable food system content, tools to positively impact the next generation of Montana families, drawing the line of respect and forming/maintaining healthy relationships, and updated personal/family finance curriculum.

In November and December, Family and Consumer Sciences educators will be busy attending Big Sky Pathway Development meetings across the state to work on pathways in Education & Training, Hospitality & Tourism, and Interior Design along with post-secondary institutions. FCS educators are encouraged to attend at least one meeting.

FCCLA chapters will be attending their annual Fall District Meetings over the next few months as well. These fall meetings include election of new district officer team, community service projects, educational workshops, and activities in relation to FCCLA. The schedule is as follows:

- November 1 – District 10 in Billings
- November 2 – District 9 in Lewistown; District 11 in Dillon
- November 8 – District 1 in Valier
- November 16 – District 3 in Havre
- November 30 – District 2 in Bozeman
- December 1 – District 6/7 in Missoula
- December 16 – District 5 in Glendive

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Health Sciences Technology Education

Health Science teachers from Billings, Great Falls and Missoula attended the 2010 National Health Science Curriculum Conference in Minneapolis, MN from Oct. 19-22nd. This national conference is offered every two years and draws attendees from across the country. Concurrent sessions throughout the conference allowed teachers to choose the subject matter that most interested them. Plenary session speakers were all superbly motivational and our Montana participants came away from the conference feeling energized to continue building a highly successful health science program for Montana students.

Our Health Science Big Sky Pathway meetings will be held on the following dates:

Nov. 3-Butte Cot
Nov. 4-Billings COT
Nov. 5-Great Falls COT
Nov. 15-Flathead Valley Community College

Please call the health science specialist if you have NOT signed up, but would like to attend one of these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

No update at this time.

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